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See comment. Signed IDS filed 1-9-06 is also attached.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 2-9-06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

There is no statement on the record as to how the newly added claims distinguish over the prior art of record. It is understood that a general statement to the effect that the new claims in combination distinguish over the prior art of record would suffice.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alain L. Bashore whose telephone number is 571-272-6739. The examiner can normally be reached on about 7:30 am to 5:00 pm (Mon. thru Thurs.).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Meeks can be reached on 571-272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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